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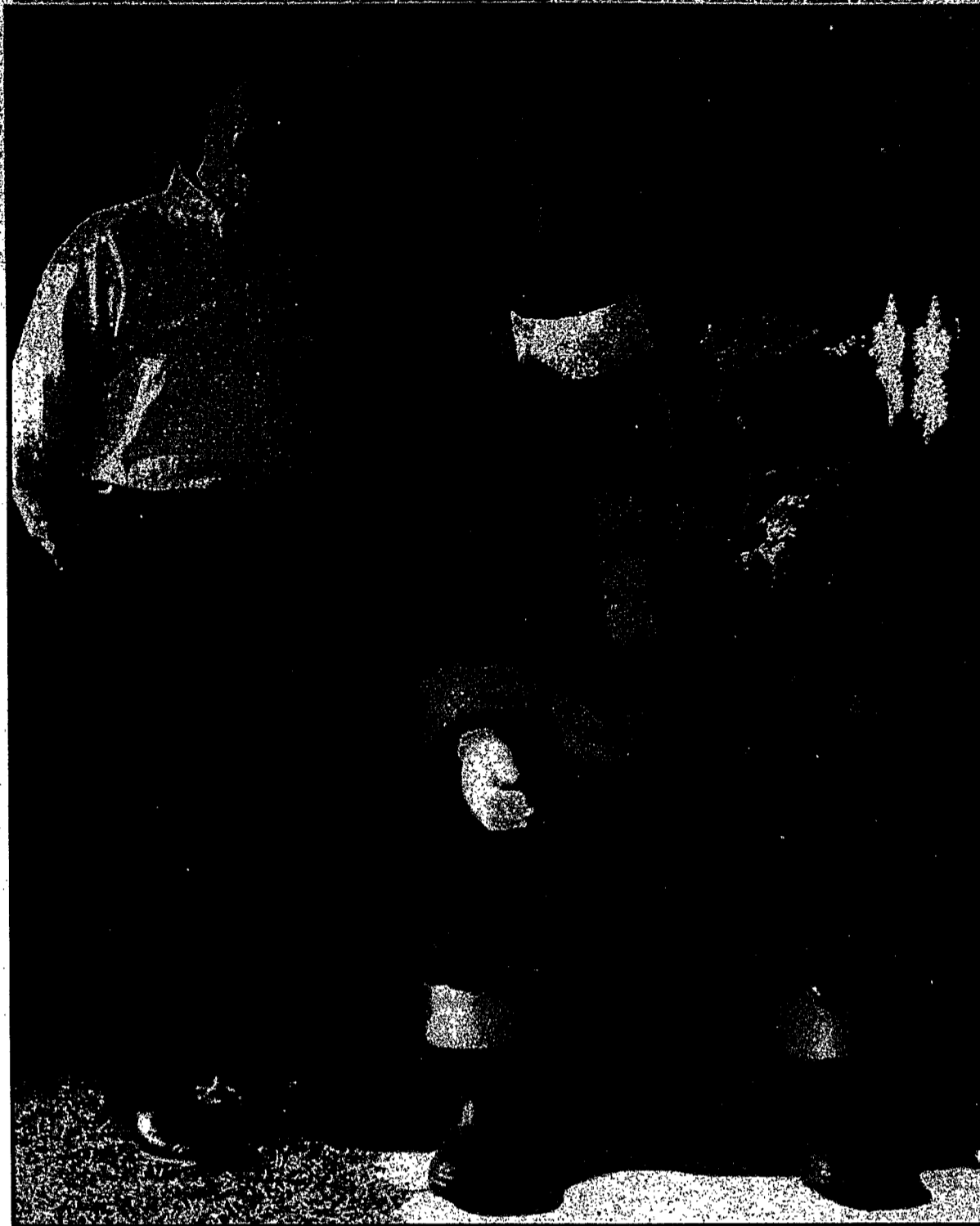
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Listening to Christmas wishes

Santa was a busy fellow when he came to Waveland City Hall. Dozens of St. Clare pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students came to give Santa their lists of Christmas wishes as new Waveland Mayor John Mason, left, looks on. (Echo staff photo by Sharon K. Saucier)

County man charged with molestation

BY SHARON K. SAUCIER
A Hancock County man has been arrested and charged with child molestation.

Kendall Ray Smith, Sr., 44, 32275 Crane Creek Rd., Perkin-

ston, was arrested at 7 a.m. Tuesday and charged with the crime.

He is currently in the Hancock County Justice Facility under \$10,000 bond, Hancock

County Sheriff's Department Investigator Glen Strong said.

No other information pertaining to this case is available at this time.

Harbor Shop is to close

BY CHARLEE MARSHALL
After almost 40 years of weathering stress and storms, the Harbor Shop is closing.

Volunteers have staffed the shop on East Beach in Pass Christian since its organization in 1955, but, according to those now active in managing the unique store, it's time to close the doors. The building housing the shop has been sold and volunteers are getting scarce, said Evelyn Gregory, who has donated her time to sit in the shop on a regular basis.

The Harbor Shop is a gold mine of treasures from delicate antique plates to plush Victorian sofas, which are placed there on consignment. Each table and shelf is brimming with fragile glassware, hand-painted figurines, intricate needlework, household and novelty items, and many hand-made creations.

Participants set the prices for their articles and the shop charges a modest fee to go toward its operating expenses.

The shop has been a hub of activity and the focus of many news articles over the years. It served a very important purpose before similar shops started popping up in the area. It gave people the opportunity to sell merchandise, others a chance to snap up some bargains, and still others to have something pleasant and functional when they tended to the shop.

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The Harbor Shop is quite unique (Echo staff photo by Charlee Marshall)

Citizens angry Over proposed Bay crossing closures

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis City Council faced an angry, determined crowd Tuesday night, as controversy boiled over concerning planned closings of residential street/railroad crossings.

"We're not free citizens if we're going to allow them to come in and divide our town," said Ballentine Street resident Vera Carver, urging council to stop plans to close the Ballentine's crossing of the tracks. "Please help us out and don't do this to us."

She was joined by other residents of Ballentine and Citizen streets who seemed appalled to learn their streets are up for division at the tracks.

Despite explanations of the action by council, the crowd dispersed as angry as ever, promising to take their fight to every state and federal official who will listen.

Some citizens said Tuesday they had first learned of the

proposed cross closings via a Sunday article in The Sea Coast Echo.

Actually, the proposed crossing eliminations have been in the news repeatedly for about a year, since council first agreed to CSX's request that four be eliminated in town.

Mayor Eddie Favre said the issue surfaced about two years ago, when CSX officials approached the city with the idea of closing a number of crossings along the Coast.

Favre said when he learned it would be up to the state Department of Transportation to make the final decision on the closings, he and other city officials met with DOT. There, they learned that Citizen, Ballentine, St. Charles and Agnes streets were the least used street crossings of the tracks, said Favre.

With that information, city

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Storm brews over Bay seawall plan

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Private property owners are asking the Corps of Engineers to halt plans to build a seawall structure north of Bay View Court.

The request is the basis of an upcoming meeting among officials of the Corps, which is designing the structure, the city of Bay St. Louis, and the angered property owners, Mayor Eddie Favre said Tuesday.

About a year ago, citizens who own land on the east side of North Beach Boulevard asked City Council and the Board of Supervisors to back them in a quest to get Corps permission to fill in rapidly eroding private property along the shoreline.

While that request was pending, the city advanced plans to pump a sand beach along the area in question, south of the Highway 90 bridge to Bay View. That project extends to the Booker Street area.

Bay View area private property owners, however, were upset to learn that the newly pumped beach would be public property. And when the Corps decided North Beach shore line is in a critical state of erosion, requiring a permanent seawall-type structure to protect it, the

Corps proceeded with design under an "emergency" statute.

The city then dropped plans to include the area in the sand-beach project, to retain the "emergency" status of the seawall construction project.

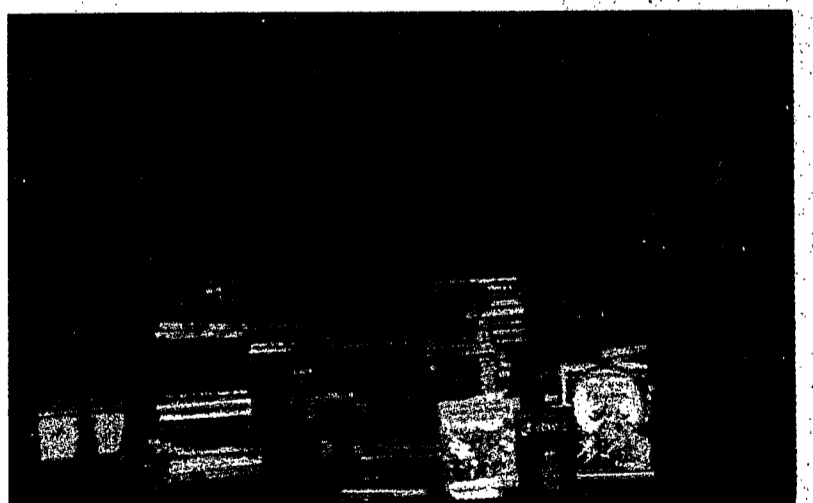
The problem, however, is that the Corps and Secretary of State will define where the new seawall is placed. Anything east of it will be public property. The private property owners had hoped to reclaim some of the land they've lost to erosion.

In a recent letter to the Corps, the citizens describe themselves as "absolutely and positively opposed to a taxpayer-funded seawall anywhere between the end of the seawall near Bay View Court and the Bay Waveland Yacht Club property."

There are no active plans to put a seawall north of the bridge. In fact, city officials say it probably won't extend to the bridge itself, but will stop at the edge of Casino Magic's tract of land, which isn't eroding.

Private property owners said in their recent letter that the "valuable tax money" that would be spent on the seawall

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The gift of literature

Legislators Harry Frierson, Bill Johnson and J.P. Compretta are shown inspecting some of the 500 children's books purchased by the Hancock County Library System with a 1994 Mississippi Legislative Public Library Enhancement Grant administered by the Mississippi Library Commission. The books will be added to the Margaret Hicks Shadoin Children's Library collection in the new Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, the Terry Kay Zengarling Collection in the Waveland Library and the Children's Collection at the Waveland Library. Also pictured are Prima Plaque, library system director, and Mary Cassis, library board of trustees member. (Echo staff photo by Sharon K. Saucier)

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ALICE J. BREAUX
 Alice Josephine Breaux, 70, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, December 21, 1994, in Bay St. Louis.

Her body was sent from Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Westside Funeral Home in Marrero, La. for services and burial.

MICHAEL D. COOTE
 Michael David Coote, 36, of Pearlinton, died Sunday, Dec. 18, 1994, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Coote was a native of Ruthland, Vt.

He was preceded in death by his father, William Coote Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Andrea Ladner Coote; two sons, Evan Paul Coote and Charles Patrick Coote; a daughter, Jennifer Carey Coote, all of Pearlinton; his mother, Mrs. Beverly Coote of Wallingford, Vt.; three brothers, Norman Coote of East Wallingford, Patrick Coote of Wallingford and William Coote Jr. of Williston, Vt.; and two sisters, Mrs. Sandra Waldon of Rensselaer, N.Y., and Miss Susan Coote of Pennsylvania.

A prayer service was conducted Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, followed by burial in Napoleon Cemetery in Hancock County.

Sea Grant, GCRL honor docents

The Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium and the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory hosted a recognition luncheon for marine education volunteers Dec. 20 at Germaine's Restaurant.

The docents—trained volunteer instructors—teach as many as 500 students each week during the school year in the popular "Project Marine Discovery" field trip program sponsored jointly by Sea Grant and the lab at GCRL's Marine Education Center and Aquarium.

Project Marine Discovery is a planned field trip program for public and private school groups at kindergarten through 12th grade levels.

Among docents honored was Jones H. Ford of Diamondhead.

Sea Grant is a program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce. With a mission to promote the understanding and wise use of marine and coastal resources, Sea Grant in Mississippi and Alabama is administered through a consortium of institutions of higher learning.

Mississippi members are Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, Mississippi State University, the University of Mississippi and the University of Southern Mississippi.

Alabama members are Auburn University, Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium, the University of Alabama, the University of Alabama at Birmingham and University of South Alabama.

ST. ANN AND ST. JOHN NEWS

Thoughts for meditation:
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Commission members replaced

BY MARY G. SEILEY
With a 25-year comprehensive plan on the table for action, Bay St. Louis City Council has replaced four of the seven Planning and Zoning Commission members.

The surprise action came Tuesday night, with little discussion or dissent, at the recommendation of Mayor Eddie Favre. One council member, Tad Black, balked at the changes, however, and said the city had dealt a "slap in the face" to the commission.

Council agreed with Favre's request to retain three members of the commission: Linda Beauregard, Tommy Chapman and David Bassett. New appointees are Maurice Singleton Jr., Elaine La Fontaine, Jim Lewis and Melony Mitchell.

The new appointees are taking seats previously held by Les Fillingame, who served as chairman; David Reynolds and Keven Fitzpatrick, who were two of the most outspoken members of the commission; and David Bradley, who rarely attended commission meetings. Favre noted that two of the commissioners he replaced are on the city payroll: Fillingame is city utilities director and is in charge of several major city projects. Fitzpatrick, a former city employee, recently was awarded a major architectural contract for the design of the depot restoration.

Favre said he had researched the expiration dates of the terms of commissioners, at the request of council member James Thrifflay. As it turned out, all appointments to the commission, except Beauregard's, had expired.

He said he was aware of the expired status of the commissioners, but had decided not to recommend new appointments until the comprehensive plan advanced to the draft stage.

With hearings on the plan expected in January or February, Favre said, the newly appointed commission will be in on the ground floor of the process rather than taking seats "cold turkey" after the plan is adopted.

Bad timing, insisted Black. "This is a crucial time for the comprehensive plan. It is not time to change horses in mid-stream."

Just as the council was about to vote on Favre's recommendations, Dorothy McLeMore, chairman of the Bay St. Louis Community Association, asked for a rundown of the new appointees' qualifications to serve on the commission.

That question went nowhere. "He doesn't have to answer that," council president Charles Scianna said of the mayor. Officials said the only requirement for appointment is to be a resident of the city.

McLeMore and her association have been active in the planning process for several years, serving in citizen "watchdog" capacities. The association frequently makes comments on zoning proposals and was active in the public meetings which preceded the comprehensive plan.

McLeMore said after Tuesday's meeting she agreed entirely with Black that the timing of the commission shakeup is poor. She said she's "disappointed" that the mayor didn't select at least one new appointee who had been active in the comprehensive planning process.

The comprehensive plan, now in draft form, recommends changes in land use, transportation and public facilities for the city. While it does not change zoning, it would be used as the basis for future zoning decisions.

McLeMore said the new com-

missioners not only will have to learn details of the proposed plan, but also will have to become familiar with the city's existing ordinances.

Community Associates of Jackson wrote the comprehensive plan proposal, with major guidance from the commission and Fillingame.

Favre said Fillingame will be available as a staffer for commission meetings, along with recently-hired Buz Olsen.

When he was appointed to the commission originally, Fillingame was not a city employee. He said Wednesday his dual roles as a city employee and chairman of the commission have at times complicated his roles, and he can be of better service to the commission as a staff advisor.

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could be better spent on something else, such as a needed project, or education.

City officials and the Corps, however, are adamant that the seawall project is needed to protect North Beach Boulevard from collapse.

Favre told council the issue would be aired soon at a meeting the city would host.

In other matters Tuesday night, council agreed to a contract price of \$1.67 per square foot for sidewalk construction along two blocks of DeMontluzin Street. Council member James Rutherford cast the lone dissenting vote, saying the price was too high.

Favre said the bid from Adams Construction Co. was the low offer the city received for the project.

Citizens

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officials returned to CSX with a proposal: in exchange for closing those four crossings, he said, the city could get a better deal on the purchase of the CSX depot.

The depot purchase recently was consummated. And CSX has since agreed to drop St. Charles Street from the crossing closing list, based on recommendations from consultants who are drafting a master plan for the city's development.

In exchange for that, however, CSX made the city agree to pick a substitute, fourth street to close. Council has not done so yet. And the consultants maintain that the city should maintain the number of street/truck crossings now in existence, primarily to accommodate emergency vehicles.

Favre stressed that CSX planned to appeal to DOT for the closings whether or not the city agreed. And the mayor said DOT could select which crossings to close, without the city's participation.

But the citizens weren't satisfied with Favre's explanation, or with comments from members of council.

One citizen demanded copies of DOT traffic counts across the tracks and streets at issue. Another wanted details of a proposed connector road that could be built to keep Ballentine and Citizen streets from being dead-ends.

Council member James Thrifflay said it was his understanding DOT would "help" with such a road project, but added that idea is not in writing. He also said he didn't know if such a road would be built before the crossings are closed, or how it would be engineered to avoid devastating existing residential properties.

Council member Tad Black remained the only member of council vocally opposed to the closings. But council as a whole clearly supported the citizens' notion of taking their battle to the state and federal level.

Residents of the area complained that their personal

driving habits would be dramatically altered by the closings. Worse, they said, police, fire and ambulance vehicles would face tremendous problems reaching certain areas of the city if the closings actually take place.

Other inconvenience would be caused to mail trucks, and school buses, citizens said. They also questioned the impact of the closings on citizens living near the newly-created dead-ends, because cars would be forced to turn around in someone's yard, they said.

In a seven-page speech to council, Mrs. John B. Parker of Citizen Street challenged council to explain how the railroad has enough power to force the closings. If that's so, she said, "Mr. Mayor, why in the world do we need you?"

As the furor continued, Thrifflay posed a motion to ask DOT to hold a public hearing in Bay St. Louis, rather than Jackson, on the proposed closings.

The motion passed unanimously, although council member Tom Farve cautioned that such a public hearing likely will deal with rail crossings all along the Coast.

Lights on Christmas

How wonderfully they light out eyes, set our hearts aglow and fill our spirits with joy, for their special seasonal message and meaning.

We wish everyone a bright and beautiful holiday.

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Free rides offered

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Party goers who may have a bit too much to drink over the holidays are being offered a free ride home by local law enforcement officials.

The Hancock County Sheriff, Bay St. Louis and Waveland Police departments are all offering a free ride home from a party, or establishment during the period of Christmas Eve through New Year's Day.

Also Louie's Cab Service is offering a free ride home in Bay St. Louis, Waveland and Hancock County, south of Interstate 10, from 6 p.m. Christmas Eve until 6 a.m. Christmas Day.

"This offer is good for anyone, sober or drunk, from a grocery, drug store, or wherever, as long as we take them home," Mrs. Louie Hearty said.

Mrs. Hearty said the same offer is made by the cab company from 6 p.m. on New Year's Eve until 6 a.m. New Year's Day.

"We feel we have to give something back to the community, and that is our reason to offer the free ride for those hours at Christmas and New Year's Day. Our telephone number is 466-0343," Mrs. Hearty said.

Sheriff Ronnie Peterson, Bay Police Chief Frank McNeil and

Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell, all agreed they would rather have an officer take residents home than have them involved in an accident during the holiday season.

Varnell said, "The ride offer in Waveland is to try and make our roads safer during the holidays."

"We urge everyone not to drink too much, and we want no one driving while drinking. That is why we offer a free ride home to the residents of Bay St. Louis, who may drink too much during the holidays," Bay Chief McNeil said.

"I would much rather have my deputies take someone home drunk during the holidays than have them filling out an accident report because of a drunk driver," Peterson said.

The telephone number for the Waveland Police Department is 467-3669; Bay Police Department, 467-9221; and Hancock County Sheriff's office, 467-5101.

Harbor

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Scrapbooks on display near the counter document the many years of memories and are filled with the faces of supporters who have been instrumental in shop's success. But, at the end of this month, the Harbor Shop will truly become history.

YOUR FRIENDSHIP MEANS A LOT TO US!

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QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

It's good to see how the City of Bay St. Louis is making plans for the future.

In Sunday's edition we published a story and draft map of the city's 25-year plan for overall development.

In making plans, one must look to tomorrow as well as today.

Things which are done today have an affect on tomorrow's development.

New streets are in the draft, as well as the expansion of several streets.

Bay St. Louis is an old city, and streets were in many instances just paths that became thoroughfares.

Proper planning always pays off in the long run.

Facility improvements and additional facilities are needed in order for Hancock County to continue to keep pace with changing times.

A new library for Kiln is one of the latest needs of our county.

A study made for library officials by a consultant has recommended several possible locations and approximate size needed for the growing community of Kiln.

I know there are those who fail to realize that around the turn of the century, and a few years later, Kiln was a booming town with a big hotel, drugstore, etc.

It is good to see our leaders planning ahead, and I am sure a larger, more modern library facility at Kiln will be of great asset to our county.

The days are getting longer, and the shortest day of the year is now history.

I always look for the day of the year when the days will be getting longer.

I do realize we have some colder days ahead, but we can look forward to warmer weather within a few months.

While on the subject of cold weather, I would like to remind you of the drive for jackets for deserving folks being promoted by the Bay St. Louis Rotary Club in cooperation with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Waveland Alderman Jay Fleuriet and the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Waveland report there is a need of 1,000 jackets for deserving residents.

Drop-off points are the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shop, Coleman Avenue, Waveland; Kmart, Choctaw Plaza, U.S. Highway 90, Waveland; Mike Meyers State Farm Insurance, 845-A Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, and The Sea Coast Echo, 124 Court St., Bay St. Louis.

Residents in need of jackets need to contact the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Waveland. They already have some donated for the project.

Everyone needs to be warm this winter.

If you are like I am, I feel you too can find a jacket or two you no longer use and need.

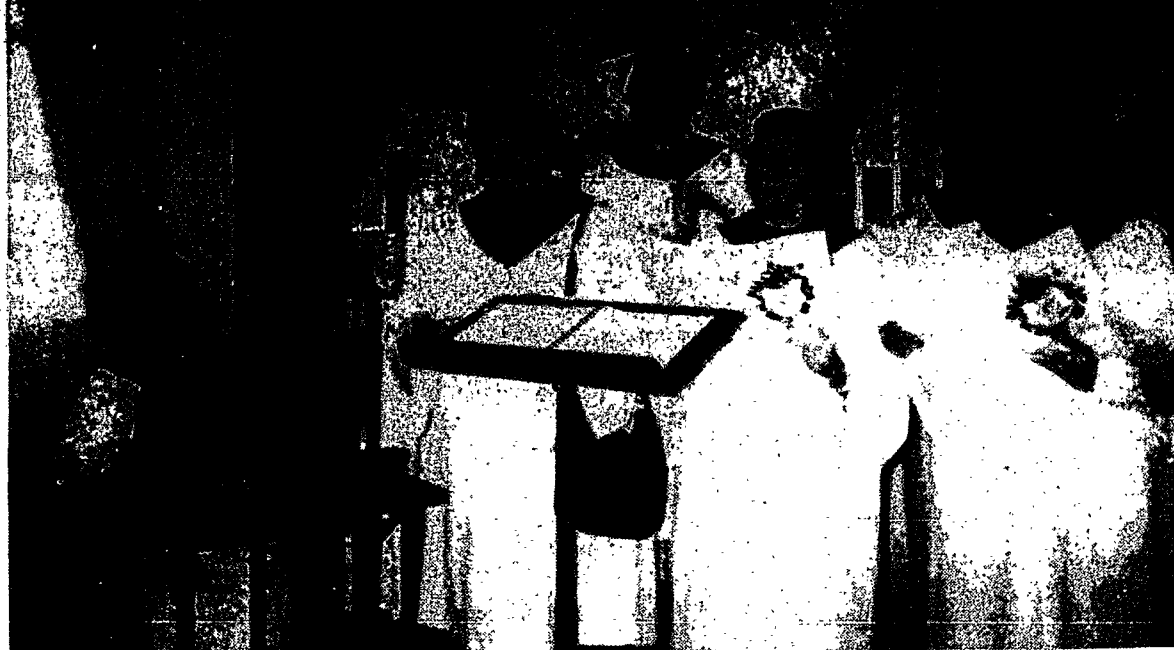
There is a new Ford pickup truck on the showroom floor at Charlie Henderson Ford in which staple food items are being collected for the Hancock County Food Pantry.

It is to be delivered before Christmas to the Food Pantry.

If you have a few items you may not need, why not donate them to a very good cause.

Charlie Henderson reports he is going to add to the amount donated, so let's give the Food Pantry a good start for the coming year.

I will be taking a bag of food down today, what about you?



Greeting visitors

Visitors at the Hancock County Welcome Center on Interstate 10 received a big welcome recently during a special holiday greeting. Choirs, such as the St. Clare's Catholic Church, Waveland, above; Hancock RSVP choir; and Weems Chapel United Methodist Church's Children's choir of Picayune sang Christmas Carols. Bobbi Hawthorne, Welcome Center manager, said Hancock County Foster Children's wishes were answered with gifts delivered by Santa. The gifts came from welcome center employees, local businesses and from choir members. At one time there were more than 200 visitors listening to the program Sunday afternoon.

IN CONGRESS

By Rep. Gene Taylor



Taylor pleased with Elders' firing suggests Dr. Rowland to fill post

It was about time the Clinton Administration's self-described "lighting rod" was fired. U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders' actions regressed from an occasional faux-pas to a steady rash of blunders.

From endorsing the practice of homosexual and lesbian couples adopting children, to her most recent blunder regarding school-age children's sexuality, Elders did all she could to destroy any credibility she may have had before becoming America's Surgeon General.

As one of those who began pushing for Elders' resignation a long time ago, I believe now is the time to look forward instead of backwards.

Since Elders' abrupt exit I have asked that the President consider the well respected Georgia statesman, retiring Rep. Roy Rowland to replace the former Surgeon General.

Dr. Rowland is a World War II veteran and practiced family medicine for nearly 30 years before being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1982.

As a member of congress, Dr. Rowland sponsored laws requiring government compensation for veterans exposed to atomic bomb blasts in post-World War II tests and pushed for incentives to recruit physicians into the armed services.

Most recently, he opposed Clinton's health care reform plan, and came up with his own health plan, which stopped far short of Clinton's goal of universal coverage. It picked up widespread support in the House, because it did not include any of the more controversial elements of Clinton's plan, like mandated employer contributions to their workers' health insurance costs.

In 1991, as one of the only few members of Congress to have ever practiced medicine, he received the American Medical Association's Nathan Davis Award in recognition of his national contributions to medicine.

Because Dr. Rowland is so well respected by members of both the Republican and Democratic parties, it was not difficult for me to get nearly 100 of my colleagues to sign a letter of support for Dr. Rowland in just one day.

It is my hope, and the hope of many others, that the President will seriously consider Dr. Rowland for the position of Surgeon General.

He is a man of unwavering honesty, integrity and intelligence. Most importantly, he has the ability to communicate with all citizens in a manner that every American can understand.

EYES ON MISSISSIPPI

By Bill Minor



Stuart Stevens rates top political consultant

Former Mississippian Stuart Stevens is getting accolades in New York talk show and print circles as one of the hottest pistols in the big time political business.

And now the 42-year-old Stevens is suddenly getting noticed in a literary way because of his first novel, "Scorched Earth," an insider's farcical account of a Southern Senate campaign (a hint of Mississippi?) has made a timely appearance post-election.

Stevens ran up an impressive string of 14 wins (all Republicans) on Nov. 8, six of them in major statewide races, topping the scorecard of top political consultants tabulated by Time magazine.

Among some of his big winners were Gov. William Weld of Massachusetts, Sen. Richard Lugar of Indiana, and underdog Tom Ridge, elected governor of Pennsylvania. Actually, all of his general election clients won, and his losers for the year were a couple in the primaries.

That sort of record, of course, is attracting attention of the heavyweights in the Republican Party, and some GOP presidential hopefuls. But Stevens is not talking about picking a horse in the 1996 presidential derby.

"I'd rather not mention any names," he says, adding, "There is a feeling whoever wins the nomination will be president."

Stevens disdains putting any labels on himself, but it is rather obvious from the moderate stripe of most of his clients, that he stays away from Republicans of the far right.

Actually, his rising success in the political advertising business is not what excites him the most, although it pays the bills. Writing is his first love (he's already done several travel books) and he is enjoying immensely the publication (by Atlantic Monthly Press) of his first novel.

In between political campaigns in recent years, Stevens has also done some writing for television shows, including "Northern Exposure" and "I'll Fly Away." Having turned out his travelbooks and now "Scorched Earth" has given him a feeling of release and satisfaction that he can write, first and foremost.

Also the novel, based on the final days in a Southern slugfest campaign involving two brothers, gave him a chance to do what he has wanted to do for a long time: write about people

in politics and tell a funny story.

Stevens still claims Mississippi as home (recently he and his sister bought their mother and dad's place at Ocean Springs). He grew up basically in Jackson and was one of the eager young Mississippians smitten in the late 60s and 70s with William Winter as the great hope for Mississippi. He worked in Winter's 1975 campaign as a driver of campaign automobiles.

Winter, he quickly points out, was "the last Democrat I ever worked for." His departure from the Democratic Party as far as Mississippi is concerned was not a case of the party becoming too liberal to suit him. Quite the contrary, he told the New Yorker recently, it was because of the party's opposition to civil rights.

He bounced around several colleges, including Colorado College, and Pembroke in Oxford, England, before studying film at UCLA. In his first work out of film school in 1978, Stevens started making political ads for a friend named Jon Hinson, who surprised conventional political wisdom in Mississippi by becoming the first Republican to win a congressional seat in the state's Fourth District.

Hinson managed to ride out disclosures of being arrested at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, then a well-known meeting place for gays, to win reelection with Stevens' help in 1980. But Hinson's career came screaming to an end in 1981 when he was caught in a homosexual act in the men's rest room of the Longworth House office building.

Stevens moved up into higher political consulting league by representing Haley Barbour, now the chairman of the Republican National Committee, in the latter's long shot, and losing, bid to unseat veteran Sen. John Stennis in 1982.

One sour note of that campaign — an attempt to present a "Happy 82nd Birthday John" cake to Stennis at the Neshoba County Fair was thought to be a Stevens concoction. However, the ruggedly handsome Stevens contends, "I disavow all knowledge of that."

Stevens was in Jackson last week to sign copies of his book and then spend part of the holidays in Ocean Springs. He and his wife live most of the time now in Vermont, while also keeping an apartment in New York, where he operates the Stuart Stevens Group.

THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS

A Weekly Editorial
From Mississippi Economic Council

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Appointing officials means less campaigning and more results

A state official recently told the media that he has put his staff on notice that he will be spending the next "few months" working on his campaign for a higher office. It's possibly a familiar scenario in many state offices in Mississippi right now.

In 1995, there will be 14 state-level political races in Mississippi, plus 174 legislative races. They include Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Insurance Commissioner, Commissioner of Agriculture, three Public Service Commissioners, and three state Transportation (Highway) Commissioners.

The Mississippi Economic Council believes that Mississippians would be better served if the bulk of state executive office holders were appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate, rather than elected.

Such a move would give the office of the governor a cabinet and, with it, the administrative authority to do what that office

was created to do — to lead the state.

The Governor's job is to give the state vision and direction. Vision and direction should not be clouded by an unwieldy governmental structure.

Second, an appointive system would create a better balance of authority between the executive and legislative branches of state government. The Governor is elected to be the top state official — the Chief Executive Officer. But with the current system, the Legislature overrides that authority.

And third, such a system would give the state's top executive officers the ability to enact a consistent and unified plan of action. State officers should work with — not against — the Governor.

But such cooperation is rare. Although our leaders seem to have the same long-term goal of bettering the state of Mississippi, that goal often takes a back seat to their short-term goals — getting elected to the next office.

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-Ellis Cuevas, publisher

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Christmas Requests Straight From the Heart...

Dear Santa Claus,
How are things going up at the North Pole? I don't know because our weather man doesn't tell us. Well, guess what? I'm doing good in school. Since I've been good I would like a starters jacket.
Please Bulls are my favorite team. You get me a starters, I'll get you some Oreos, but that is not what Christmas is all about. It is about love, giving and being with your family.
Love Jeramie

Dear Santa,
I am glad that Christmas is coming this Saturday. There is happiness on Jesus' birthday. Some people don't like Christmas at all. I always loved Christmas every year.
Everyone says that Christmas is loving and sharing and giving things to people. I know it is cold in the North Pole and it

is snowing up there.
You are going to get all the reindeers ready for all the snow. I wish that Bay St. Louis can have a white Christmas this year.
School is not fun around Christmas. Everyone knows that Christmas is fun but school is not.
Christmas is fun because we do not have to come to school because we don't think that school is fun around Christmas is that we have to do lots of work before we get out of school for Christmas.
William Dahlgren

Dear Santa,
I am so happy that God created Christmas. He created Santa. Because all the homeless children get gifts, and I bet the homeless children thank God for the loving and sharing that Christmas brings to them.

If God was still living he would make sure that all the homeless children get gifts. Christmas is not for getting gifts, it is for loving and sharing.
God cares for everybody not just for some people. I would like Santa to bring all the homeless boys and girls that were good a gift. Then they would think that somebody cared for them. I thank God for Christmas, and I thank Santa for Christmas. I enjoy Christmas because I spend time with my family.
I have enjoyed talking to you.
Truely yours,
Gary Crum

Dear Santa Claus
I do not want anything for Christmas this year. The only thing I want for Christmas is for

my Uncle Stan to get better. Please bring him back to his wife and kid because he is in the hospital.
He had open heart surgery and he had four by-passes. When I got home on Friday I went to the hospital and I went yesterday.
When I went yesterday the doctor said he was doing much better, but I did not get to see him because we left at 6:00 and my mom and dad were tired and my brother and I were hungry.

So we had burgerking but when we got to the hospital my dad gave us each \$10 dollars for some snacks and something to drink. I bought some nocho chips and cheese.
Thank you,
Lance

Christmas Eve Service
7:00 PM December 24

Come celebrate the season in a candlelight service of carols and Scripture readings. Everyone is invited.

Shoreline Park Baptist Church
Kiln-Waveland Cutoff Road, near 603
Richard Johnson, Pastor



Jubilee donates toys

Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino made the largest toy donation to the Hancock County Doll and Toy Fund for distribution to deserving children. Jubilee gave a party for a group from Diamondhead residents and it was coordinated by Tim Holt and Murray Palmer. Entry was a toy from each Diamondhead resident attending. Jubilee also matched the toys donated. Over 300 toys were collected. Those in photo are front from right, Murray Palmer, Tim Holt, Bay Fire Chief Andrew Lizana, kneeling, toy

chairman; Christy Damboski, Jubilee spokesman, holding doll; and Tammy Garber, kneeling, Lizana's assistant. Jubilee's department heads are in background. The Doll and Toy Fund, is an agency of the United Way of South Mississippi. Parents pick-up the toys at the Bay Fire Department for most deserving boys and girls while others are delivered by Hancock County deputy sheriff's and Firefighters. (Echo staff photo by Ellis C. Cuevas)

Jubilee gives to Doll & Toy Fund

Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino and the Diamondhead Community presented the Hancock County Toy & Doll Fund with 300 new unwrapped toys at the casino Dec. 16.

The toys were purchased through a fundraiser held at Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino and will be distributed to the needy children of Hancock County.

"This has been by far the largest donation of toys to date in regard to the Toy & Doll Fund, and I would like to personally thank the residents of Diamondhead and the staff and management of Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino for all of their hard work and efforts," said Bay St. Louis' Fire Chief Andrew Lizana, who has headed the Hancock County Toy & Doll Fund for the past 20 years.

Bayou Caddy's Jubilee Casino's spokesman Kristy Demboski said the casino's involvement reflected a commitment to bring a joyous Christmas to the underprivileged children of Hancock County.

"The message of Christmas is to bring joy and good will to everyone, and we want all of the children of Hancock County to experience this feeling," said Demboski.

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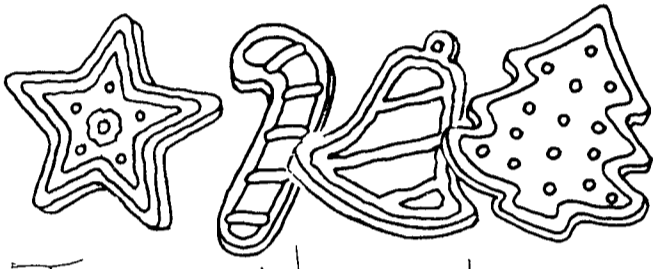


Dear Santa:

Please bring me Lots and Lots of presents because I was EXtra good this year. This is what I want for Christmas:

Dear Santa,
My name is Alexander. I've been a good boy and I love you. I wish I could see you sometime. I'll give you something better than cookies and milk, if I can.
Please bring me these toys — or at least some of them.
I love you Alexander
P.S. Say hi to the elves for me!
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Dear Santa Claus:
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I am writing you to tell you what I would like for Christmas. I am six years old. I am in kindergarten. Ms. Connie Heitzmann is my teacher.
We have been singing all sorts of Christmas songs.
Now this is what I would like for Christmas, Fisher Price Doll House, Cherry Game, Splat.
I hope the weather will allow you to get here for Christmas.
Tell Rudolph and everyone hello for us.
Love, you,
Jami Genin

DEAR SANTA,
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We have a Christmas tree in our classroom Santa. I hope you stop by my house. Please bring me some toys but not a lot. I love you Santa. I will leave a gift for you and some cookies and milk.
Alycia Sellier



Dear Santa,
Hi, how are you and Mrs. Claus? I'm John Chagnard Jr. I would like a Harley Davidson bike and a basketball and also a basket ball goal, Saints' uniform and locker and also a football.

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Employees of Coast Electric Power Association

Davidson has been teaching band for 33 years and received the award for her "outstanding service and unselfish devotion to the students of Mississippi."

Glen Buckalew, a former student of Davidson's at Hawkins Junior High School in Hattiesburg and current Gulfport High School band director, presented the award.

"It is very rare that a person has the opportunity to present an award to someone who has had an important impact on his life. She gave me a passion to learn and a passion to want to teach as she does," he said.

Seven of Davidson's former students are band directors. She has also been the supervising instructor for 31 student teachers in her career.

Davidson has been past president, vice-president and treasurer of the Mississippi Chapter of Women Band Directors. She has also been elected as past president and vice-president of the Gulf Coast Band Directors Association.

Davidson is a respected band director and has been a concert judge in numerous competitions throughout Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee.

Jacqueline Davidson and Glen Buckalew

She has also been a guest conductor at the Gulf Coast Band Directors Band Clinic, East Central Mississippi Band Directors Band Clinic, District 5 Band Directors Band Clinic, West Tennessee Regional Band Clinic, University of Southern Mississippi Summer Band Clinic, Mobile County Middle School Honor Band and Jones County Junior High Clinic.

Bands Davidson has conducted have won sweepstakes awards and all-superiors. She was selected as Teacher of the Year at Pascagoula Junior High

School and twice has been honored as STAR Teacher. Davidson has been a member of Delta Kappa Gamma and Mu Phi Epsilon.

She is also currently a member of the Gulf Coast Band Directors Association, the Mississippi American Federation of Teachers, Mississippi Bandmasters Association, National Women Band Directors Association, Phi Delta Kappa and Phi Beta Mu.

Davidson is in her second year at St. Stanislaus, where she teaches beginning band students.

True friends build esteem

By Dr. Ann Jarratt
4-H Youth Development Specialist
Cooperative Extension Service

"Some of my friends are trying to boss me around. They think they rule over me. They also call me names, but I don't pay any attention to them. My mom says they are a bad influence. I have thought of finding new friends, but each time I start acting like I'm going to find new friends, they are nice to me. But when I pay attention to them again, they drop me like a ton of bricks. Why do they do that?"

"I'm also having problems with my mom. I'm 13, and she drags me places with her and doesn't want me dating until I'm 16 or 18. She won't even let me go to the skating rink with my best friend. I'm old enough to make my own decisions. I love my mom, but why can't she be reasonable?"

I think you're using the term friends loosely, based on how you describe these people's behavior. They don't sound like friends to me. They treat you the way they do because they don't practice kindness and because you allow them to be unkind to you.

You may not be able to change their behavior, but you can choose who you spend your time with. People are out there who treat others as they want to be treated.

Why do you hang around them when they treat you badly? Even if it takes time to find new friends, being alone might be better than being with them.

TEEN TALK

Only you can make that choice.

About your mom, have you talked with her about your concerns, and does she try to understand? If your answer is yes or I don't know, then try talking to her about how you feel. She may understand but still feel she has to stick with her rules. She might be willing to negotiate on some of them.

Regardless of the outcome of this first conversation, you need to keep trying to communicate with her. It's bound to help you in the long run.

"I need to earn money to buy Christmas presents. I was offered a job, but my parents won't let me take it because they're afraid my school work will suffer. I know I can handle both, and I really do need the money. I want to be able to buy presents without asking them for the money. How can I convince them the job would be good for me?"

How are your grades now? If they're good, your chances of convincing your parents to let you take the job are a lot better. If they're not particularly good, you need a logical plan for what you will do differently to make them better.

If, for example, you have been on a sports team that has ended

its season, you might be able to show you would spend less time on the job than you spent with the team, and you would study during the excess time.

You may be able to compromise and work fewer hours. If your grades aren't up to par, you may have to concentrate on studying and give homemade gifts this year. It really is the thought that counts!

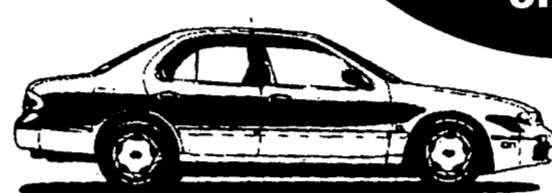
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Report on Department of Marine Resources meeting

The monthly meeting of the Department of Marine Resources Commission was held Dec. 19 at the DMR building in Biloxi. All commissioners were present.

Comments were made by Robert Metz, George Stores, Tom Becker, Jane Williams and one other person during the five minutes of public comment at the start of the meeting.

Robert Metz, a commercial fisherman, objected to what he considered negative press of commercial fishermen. He singled out a Bay St. Louis columnist's report of 150,000 recreational fishermen as incorrect. He stated he felt there were only about 35,000 recreational fishermen, and they were taking most of the fish.

He also felt the report of 300,000 pounds of red fish, in excess of the 35,000-pound limit, sold from Mississippi last year was incorrect. He felt if Commissioner Lee did have records of that amount, how come Tom Van Devender, Chief of Saltwater Fisheries, did not know about it?

George Stores questioned why Texas oyster fishermen were allowed to continue their oyster harvest and sell their oysters to Mississippi one week after the San Jacinto River oil spill and fire with its resultant pollution. Mississippi has some oyster beds that are still closed weeks after rain. He stated our laws need to be looked at.

Tom Becker of the Charter Boats Captains Association was concerned about loopholes in the laws allowing what he felt were too many unqualified charter boat operators. He also questioned why DMR hardly ever reports the commercial red fish quota reached and why commercial fishing of red fish is not closed. He wants to cut out commercial sport fishing. He defined commercial sport fishing as a sport fisherman who sells his catch commercially.

Jane Williams of Save America Seafood Industries Coalition proposed limiting the number of commercial fishing licenses that can be issued.

There were two reports given on the results of public hearings. The first was on the proposed change of the number of teeth allowed on oyster dredges, which was proposed by Commissioner Oliver Sahuque. It was reported there were only seven people who made comments, one was for the change, six were against the change.

Sahuque withdrew the proposed change due to lack of interest.

The next report was on the 'Ban the Gill Net' hearing. The report was delivered by Tom Van Devender. He stated there were 48 speakers for the ban and 46 against the ban. He received 487 written replies for the ban and 79 against. He received petitions of 61 signatures for the ban and a petition with more than 1,000 signatures against the ban.

Van Devender stated he has a 42-year history of commercial red drum landings, a 20-year data base on roe mullet and about a 20-year data base on sea trout.

He said all of his documentation shows net fishing has had no adverse biological effect on the trout, red fish or mullet population.

Van Devender's statements and statistics were immediately questioned by the chairman of the DMR Commission and several of the commissioners. They asked how come documented evidence by the U.S. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shows many times more red fish sold from Mississippi than reported by DMR.

Commissioner Lee asked Van Devender why Louisiana reported they purchased more than 50,000 pounds of red fish from Mississippi, when DMR reported only 25,000 pounds of the 35,000 pound quota was reported achieved?

Chairman Muths asked Van Devender how he obtains his fish data and statistics? Van Devender answered he gets his data from GSRL and other agencies. When asked how the other agencies get the data, Van Devender reported the other agencies get some, and in some cases all of the data, from DMR.

Van Devender said a lot of his data is compiled by creel surveys. To accomplish the surveys he has one man, occasionally two, who go to the public boat landings and ask the returning fishermen about their fish. The commercial data is obtained by asking the commercial dealers how many fish do they show as caught on their books.

Chairman Muths stated he has been fishing for more than 20 years and has never been checked.

Muths stated that the gill net issue affects all the coastal counties, and another public hearing must be held to insure

all the coastal counties have a chance to express their views. The next public hearing on gill nets will be in the Coast Coliseum Jan. 11 at 6 p.m.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of permits for a 320,000-square-foot Factory Outlet Mall at the juncture of Hwy. 49 and I-10. Numerous questions were asked by the Commission to establish that the project would not adversely affect the ecology of the area. The mall is projected to provide full-time employment of 569 people.

The next item discussed was law enforcement. Terry Baker reported their conviction rate for October was 93%. The conviction rate for November was 100%. Four new enforcement agents have been hired and should be in the field shortly. There are several cases pending on gill net violations that are currently in the courts.

Muths stated that he was concerned that the convicted violators appeared to only receive the minimum fine regardless of the seriousness of the violation. He suggested the amount of the minimum fines should be raised as a deterrent.

Dave Ruple — wetlands — presented a request to channelize and de-stump 2.7 miles of Flat Branch Creek to help prevent home flooding in this area. He stated channelization was the only way, as the federal government will not allow the building of water retention ponds on wetlands.

A proposal was presented by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors for the building of a marina at the end of Pleasure Street on Bayou Caddy in Lakeshore.

The next DMR meeting is tentatively set for Tuesday, Jan. 24 at 9 a.m. in the Coast Coliseum.

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management staff

Casino Magic Inn recently named its management staff for its 201-room facility to officially open Jan. 8, next to Casino Magic in Bay St. Louis.

General manager is Kenny J. Glavan Sr.

Glavan has seven years experience in the hospitality industry. He is a member and officer in a number of hospitality-related organizations and holds the designation of certified hotel administrator.

He attended Gulf Coast Jr. College and Mississippi State University, and prior to joining Casino Magic was general manager of the Biloxi Travel Lodge.

Assistant manager is Regina (Reggie) C. Moran.

Moran is a native of New Orleans, and her previous experience includes Sheraton Inn, Airport, Ramada Inn Airport and Holiday Inn, Airport, all located in Kenner.

Her customer service-related work comprises some 14 years. Most recently she worked in the credit department of Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

Assistant manager is Christine Allen.

A native of South Carolina, Allen has resided on the Mississippi Gulf Coast for the past 18 years.

She attained an associate degree in hotel/restaurant management at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Joe Davis, Casino Magic's previous work experience includes the Edgewater Inn in Biloxi and Waveland Resort. Executive housekeeper is Barbara Maas.

Maas is a native of California and has been a resident of the Coast for the past five years.

Previously Maas served as housekeeping supervisor for Casino Magic Bay St. Louis for two years.

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Presently, there are no universal standards for bike helmets; however, the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is examining a federal universal bicycle helmet safety standard which is expected to become effective in 1995.

After determining that the helmet meets present testing standards, it is important to make sure that the helmet fits the child. Unlike clothing which is often bought with some growing room, bike helmets must fit from the start.

Helmets come in different sizes to fit all heads. Most helmets have foam pads which can be inserted to make the helmet fit better.

Tom Martin, co-owner of The Bike Rack in Jackson explains that bike helmets should be snug but not too tight, and touch the head at the crown, sides, front and back.

"It should sit squarely on top of the head in a level position and cover the top of the head extending down to about mid forehead," states Martin.

"The chin strap adjustment should be positioned below the ear on the jaw bone, and the strap should prevent the helmet from moving back and forth."

Martin also advises parents to replace any helmet which has been involved in a crash. According to Martin, the helmet padding can become compressed in a crash and fail to provide protection afterwards.

Of course a bike helmet is only effective when it is worn. "To increase the chances that children will want to wear their helmets, let them help choose the helmet design they prefer," suggests Robin Stricklin, Mississippi Safe Kids spokesman.

Helmets now come in attractive colors and patterns.

Youngsters will be more likely to wear their helmets consistently if they are required to use them when they first start riding tricycles or bicycles. However, Safe Kids does not recommend putting a helmet on a child under age 1. Babies do not have neck muscles strong enough to support a helmet. Toddlers should have the muscle strength to support a light-weight helmet designed for toddlers.

No parent wants to have his or her child sustain an injury which could have been prevented.

"The best insurance against a bike-related head injury is a helmet," states Gilliland. "A child's life and safety are certainly worth the price of a helmet and the effort required to make sure it is always worn."

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Homemade soaps make comeback

By Dr. Milo Burnham
Horticulturist
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I don't remember my grandmother ever making soap nor anyone in my family talking about making soap. If my family made soap, they obviously looked upon it as a chore that had to be done, not something to talk about.

I am told homemade soap was a rough bar formed of ingredients that might include lard, bacon or ham grease, kerosene, bleach and borax mixed with water. The water used was placed on wood ashes overnight to create lye water. I am told lye water was used not only to make soap, but also hominy.

It must have been a great day when commercially-produced soap became widely available, making it unnecessary to make your own. The soap business in America is a giant, especially when you include all the different types and specialty items available. Yet, strange as it may seem, homemade soaps are making a comeback with garden herbs as an ingredient.

This past August while visiting Oregon and Washington, I learned of the micro-brewery industry and the many types of beers available on a local basis. People living outside of the area never see these beers.

The same thing is happening with homemade soap. A number of small companies are promoting hand-crafted soaps sold through specialty companies, craft centers and boutiques.

It is hard to believe anyone would choose to stand over a kettle of hot fat and lye water stirring until the mixture thickened. Modern technology apparently hasn't changed this part of making soap at home.

Commercially available talow eliminates the need of rendering your own fat for soap making, but the process of making soap is still much like it was years ago.

I haven't seen mention of homemade soaps having deodorant or anti-bacterial properties or taking care of 2,000 body parts. Yet some people claim hand-crafted soaps are less drying and irritating to the skin. Hand-crafted soaps are certainly more expensive to purchase than those commercially produced.

Part of the attraction of hand-crafted soaps may be their description — 100 percent natural products. Some are even made from 100 percent vegetable oil with no animal by-products, coloring agents or perfumes.

Other soaps may be colored by natural plant dyes and carry scents originating from essential oils extracted from plants. These oils are added to the soap just before it is poured into a mold, or by adding a strong herbal tea to the cooled lye water before it is warmed for mixing with the fats. Dried, ground herbs also may be added to soap just before pouring it into the mold.

Each ingredient adds different qualities to hand-crafted soaps. Coconut oil is a sudsing ingredient but also causes dry skin. Deodorized tallow eliminates the bacon smell that may develop in lard-based soaps. All-vegetable oil soaps are soft and don't hold up as long as talow soaps.

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'Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?'

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The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre is producing Edward Albee's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" Jan. 6, 7, and 8. The production is directed by Ray Kutos and the cast includes Virginia DeRoma as Martha, Joe DeRoma as Nick, Marby Erickson as Honey and Ray Kutos as George.

Joe and Virginia DeRoma, who play the roles of Nick and Martha in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" are making their debut as an acting couple.

The fingers of Virginia's acting roots run back to her grandmother, Louise Blair, who co-founded the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre and then performed in the theatre she helped establish.

Virginia's mother, Jane Blair, followed suit in her mother's thespian footsteps, also performing in the little theatre. Virginia's interest in theatre was fostered through her participation in plays in junior high school.

Virginia received her doctorate in clinical psychology from West Virginia University. By day, she works as a clinical psychologist at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Gulfport and in private practice on weekends. Her hobbies include traveling, writing, poetry and collecting antiques.

Joe's debut in theater began in the little theater after he moved from Philadelphia, Penn. to join his wife on the coast. He last performed in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest." He graduated with a master's degree in business administration from Temple University in Philadelphia. His employment as a compensation



Marby Erickson, Ray Kutos, sitting, Virginia DeRoma and Joe DeRoma

analyst at Gulfport Memorial Hospital keeps him busy in between rehearsals.

In his free time Joe is involved in the Gulfport Kiwanis chapter activities and enjoys running and spending time with his one-year-old daughter, Savannah.

Savannah, who sat quietly as a content six-month-old at the end of the stage at initial rehearsals eventually attempted to direct the play and was relegated to babysitters, where she could practice her emerging theatrical skills in a more private setting. The couple is expecting their second child in May.

Marby Erickson is a native of Minnesota. Her first acting experience was in high school where she had the leading roles in her junior and senior class plays.

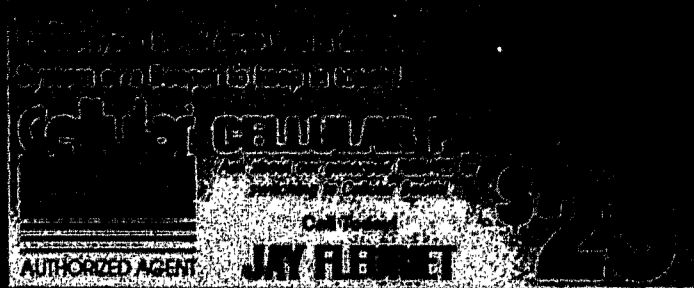
She graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. where she took part in musical productions.

Since then she has produced and directed children's musicals and plays in different parts of the country. She has a master's degree in valuation sciences (art valuation) and currently owns M. Schon Erickson Art Gallery on Second Street in Bay St. Louis.

Ray Kutos has an extensive background in theater and music. He trained at the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago and has acted in and directed a number of stage productions.

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COOKING UP A STORM

By **Katy McGuire
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Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! With Yuletide festivities all around, suggestions for that holiday "cup of cheer" are always welcome.

For a sparkling holiday libation, "Poinsettia" Punch is a colorful way to greet family and friends. It was a great success at a "Christmas Ornament Show" which my daughter-in-law Sue McGuire and a few friends gave for a recent bride.

Guests truly "showered" the honoree with ornaments for the couple's first Christmas as "Mr. and Mrs."

Refreshments carried out the holiday theme, from the sparkling red punch to the green of a delicious hot spinach dip, as well as cucumber party sandwiches and radish sandwiches, tomato aspic, diced red apples with Brie and other tasty tidbits.

Sue and her friends poured the "Poinsettia" from crystal pitchers into wine glasses; other hostesses might ladle the punch from a punch bowl into punch cups. Here's:

"POINSETTIA"

(Freeze cranberry juice ahead of time in ice cube trays. Blend equal parts of cranberry juice cocktail with champagne, and add a splash or so of triple sec or orange liqueur.

Place fresh cranberries in wine glasses, and pour punch over from pitcher, or ladle from punch bowl into cups. The fro-

zen cranberry juice cubes, of course, keep the "Poinsettia" from dilution.

And, when the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" start up, why not "take that cup of kindness yet" — a cup of the Poinsettia? Of course, there's also eggnog and all sorts of fruit punches (including non-alcoholic for those who want to make their holiday punches without alcohol.)

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Navy Seaman Recruit Daryl P. Booker, a graduate of Hancock North Central High School in Bay St. Louis, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Booker completed a variety of training, which included classroom study, practical hands-on instruction with an emphasis on physical fitness. In particular, Booker learned naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and a variety of safety skills required for working around ships and aircraft.

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Choral group presents Christmas concert

Bay Junior High School students made history Dec. 8 when they presented a Choral Christmas Concert in the Bay High School auditorium.

Under the direction of Carol Cline, 100 junior high students and 30 high school students performed for relatives and friends in the first choral concert given in recent years by the Bay Junior High/Senior High School music department. In previous years band and chorus students shared the stage for the annual Christmas concert.

Students sang a variety of songs, some familiar, some not, as two junior high choruses and one high school chorus spread Christmas cheer throughout the auditorium.

The seventh and eighth grade Christmas chorus, comprised of 50 students from three different music classes, entertained the audience with their versions of traditional Christmas carols sung in both English and original languages and popular contemporary Christmas favorites such as "I saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus."

The Bay Junior High chorus performed many well known popular songs from this century such as "It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas," "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer."

Choreography was also added and a tap duet was performed by Amanda Richardson and Priscilla Austin, both seventh graders at Bay Junior High.

The Bay High School concert choir, which consists of 34 students also performed both traditional and contemporary music. Selections included "Festive Madrigal," "Carol Of The Bells," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" "The Twelve Days After Christmas," and a medley of songs from the films "Home Alone 1" and "Home Alone 2."

To round out the evening Santa Claus made a surprise visit, and children of all ages got to sit on Santa's lap to make their special Christmas wishes.

Get children involved in holiday preparations

With parents running around trying to get all the details ready for the Christmas holidays, children are sometimes all but forgotten in the race against time. Parents need to involve children in holiday preparations, giving youngsters the added benefit of feeling valued and an integral part of an important holiday.

"This lets children know they are important and what they do is important. It gives them a feeling of self-worth," said Dr. Anne Bomba, director of the Willie Price University Nursery School at the University of Mississippi. She offers the following ideas for parents to enjoy with their children:

- Let children be creative. There are many items that can be used to create distinctive and inexpensive holiday wrapping paper and greeting cards.
- Bake and decorate cookies. Use some on the Christmas tree, and carry children by neighbors' homes, so youngsters can share some of their creations with others.

• Make Christmas ornaments out of anything — play dough, plastic lids, styrofoam or paper scraps, and decorate them with sequins, glitter, yarn or even buttons.

• Create garlands for the Christmas tree or other spots around the home. Garlands can be made by stringing popcorn, fresh cranberries, cereal, candy, marshmallows or a combination of things.

• Let kids assist in decorating the table for a holiday meal. Children can help by making place cards or place mats. Let them help in planning the menu or even in preparing one of the menu items.

• Assist children in writing letters. Whether it's a familiar "Letter to Santa" or a letter to grandparents expressing their dreams of what this Christmas will bring, youngsters will enjoy this avenue of communication.

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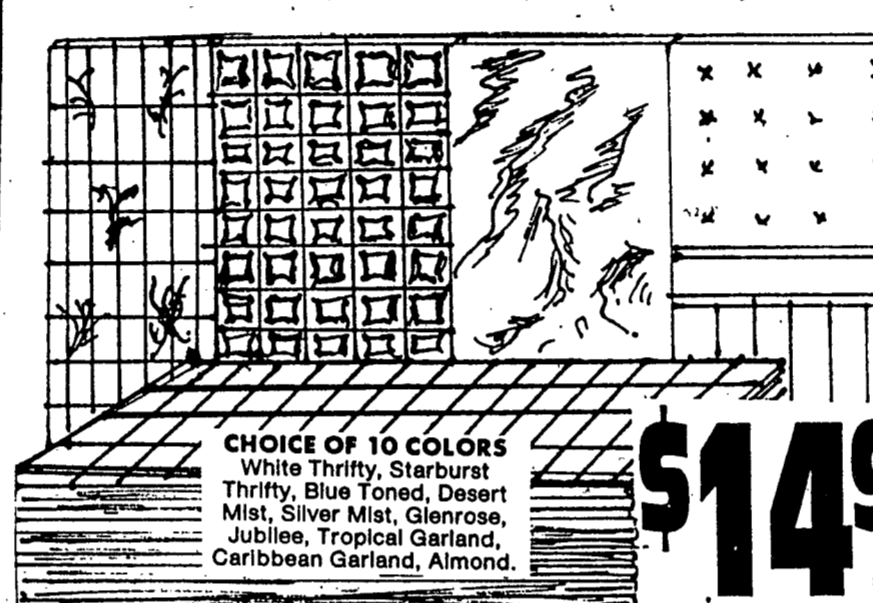
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The True Meaning of Christmas

Mrs. Keller's seventh grade reading class is learning the true meaning of Christmas. They read the drama "A Christmas Carol: Scrooge and Marley" by

Israel Horovitz. the drama is based on "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. In the play, Jacob Marley explains to Scrooge that it is everyone's duty to

help other people.

For a week the students collected food for the needy to donate to the Hancock County Food Pantry. They collected more than six

boxes of non-perishable goods.

The students worked in groups to sponsor fifty-two children. The "angels" were made available through the Hancock County Health and Human Services Department in Bay St. Louis. In groups, as well

as individually, the students brought gifts. Each "angel" will receive at least two gifts. the gifts included clothes, toys, books, and even a CD player.

The spirit of Christmas was truly expressed by the students as they learned

to care and share during this holiday season.

"The students are very excited about this project. I also feel like it will help to put the spirit of Christmas back into all who witness the success of this project by our seventh graders," said Mrs. Keller.



Students wrap gifts for "angel" recipients



Some lucky "angel" will receive this fuzzy teddy bear for Christmas.



These students sponsored 52 "angels" and practiced the true meaning of Christmas



Gifts galore!

Hancock Bank employees and customers pitched in to help needy children realize a happier Christmas by collecting gifts and toys. Delivering presents to the Department of Human Services representative Kay Altese, far right, are Rhonda Schultz, Monica Wittman, Michelle Seal, Linda Cagle and Amy Coor of Hancock Bank. (Echo staff photo by Charlee Marshall)

Beta Club officers

The Gulfview Elementary Junior Beta Club officers for 1994-95 are, from left, Nathan Deal, president; Deirdre Green, vice-president; Misty Crowe, secretary; and Christy Meyers, treasurer.

Jill Rutherford

Bay Catholic students took part in the fourth annual Academic Competition for Excellence Dec. 3 at St. Stanislaus College Prep in Bay St. Louis.

Jill Rutherford, grade six, received an honorable mention in English.

Bay Catholic students were among 521 fifth, sixth and seventh graders from 43 schools who participated in the ACE competition.

After the 50-minute test, while the tests were being evaluated, the students enjoyed lunch at St. Stanislaus and entertainment provided by the SSC band.

Each participant received a certificate, and first, second and third place trophies were awarded.

Various factors trigger dormancy

By Dr. Milo Burnham
Horticulturist
Mississippi Cooperative
Extension Service

Most plants know when the growing season is over, but this year there were cases of out-of-season blooming of azaleas, peaches and several other spring flowering shrubs. Leaves on deciduous trees and shrubs have changed color and are dropping to the ground.

We hadn't experienced much cold weather by mid-November, yet plants prepared themselves for winter. Growth ceased and shoot buds wrapped tightly in protective bud scales against the chill of winter.

If it isn't the cooling temperatures that make plants go dormant, is it perhaps the shortening of the daylight hours that moves plants into a dormant state? Plant scientists still are trying to understand plant dormancy and just what goes on in plants as they move into and out of dormancy with the changing of seasons and growing conditions.

Dry, living seeds are considered dormant. Some seeds respond to dry storage, some to moist chilling and still others to light for removing dormancy. This variety makes it unlikely that any single mechanism controls the process in seeds.

Seed and bud dormancy similarities have been questioned because seeds contain a whole plant (the embryo) while buds contain only a shoot or floral tissue.

Understanding dormancy is important from an economic standpoint. If it is possible to extend dormancy and delay budbreak in the spring, fruit losses to freeze injury could be reduced or eliminated.

Certain plants respond to light by going dormant when the number of hours of daylight is less than some critical length, but not all plants respond in this way. Other plants go through flushes of growth interrupted by periods of dormancy when held under constant growing conditions.

Apical dominance is where



growing shoot tips prevent lateral buds from sprouting. The lateral buds basically are dormant. Remove the shoot tip, and the lateral buds begin to grow. This is how we make our plants branch by pruning and removing shoot tips.

Lateral buds may break dormancy if we prune late in the season, and cold may injure the new growth or entire plant.

The longer the lateral buds are dormant on some plants, the harder it is to get them to grow. This might be interpreted as the lateral buds moving through different levels of dormancy and has been observed in peaches and apples when grown

in tropical areas. To get these fruits to flower in the tropics, the leaves are removed from the trees. When leaf removal is delayed, fewer of the buds develop.

The role of low temperatures in bringing on dormancy is not clearly understood. It may intensify dormancy in the fall, but it breaks it in the spring.

While research continues in an effort to understand dormancy, gardeners need to continue practicing good horticultural techniques based on what they know about moving, pruning and fertilizing dormant plants.

COOKING UP A STORM

By Katy McGuire
Caire

Amidst the happy-but-hurried planning for the holiday feast, we mustn't forget that we'll still have to feed the family a filling breakfast to keep them content while the Christmas dinner cooking is underway — right?

We may, of course, settle for assorted pastries, or perhaps omelettes or such, but we may also take advantage of all the good prices on more substantial "fixins" — such as sausage. There's so much to choose from in the meat departments of our stores and supermarkets these pre-Christmas days.

There are special buys in smoked sausage links, as well in fresh sausage, both links and bulk sausage, including fresh pork sausages from mild, medium to hot — Kielbasa, spicy hot Cajun sausage, sweet Italian sausage, and so on. There's bulk sausage to gladden any palate and small sausage links for the cocktail hour.

To make Christmas breakfast, whether leisurely or hectic, easier on the cook, here's a suggestion, which you mix up ahead of time, then pull out of the refrigerator, and serve — a sort of Christmas morning gift to yourself.

BREAKFAST PIE
For the crust:

1 pkg. (12 oz.) frozen hash brown potatoes, thawed
1 egg, slightly beaten
1/2 tsp. salt (optional)
1 tsp. dry onion flakes

For the "custard":
4 eggs
1 cup milk
1 cup shredded cheese, Swiss or Cheddar as you like
1 Tbsp fresh parsley, chopped
1/2 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

For topping:
1 pkg. cooked smoked sausage links (or you may use fresh links)

First of all, be sure that you've allowed enough time to thaw the potatoes completely. Add to the thawed potatoes the beaten egg, salt and dry onion flakes, and press the mixture into a deep and buttered class pie plate (9- or 10-inch). Sprinkle four atop and set aside. Even better, chill in the fridge a few hours or overnight.

For the filling: In blender or with wire whisk (my preference) combine the four eggs, cup of milk and cup of cheese, parsley, pepper and Worcestershire. Pour this into the potato shell, and arrange the sausage atop, win wheel-spoke fashion.

Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes, then lower the heat to

300 degrees and continue baking for 25 to 30 minutes longer. Let it set for at least 5 minutes before cutting. You may double the recipe for a larger group, using two pie shells or a 13-x-9 pan.

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Christmas breakfast

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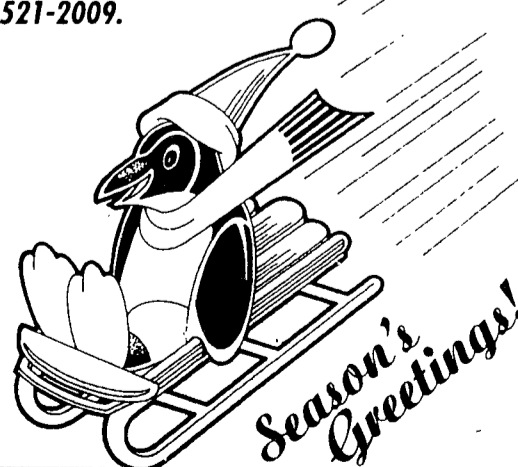
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Students of the Month

Bay Middle School Students of the Month for October were, front row, Lisa Gains, Ashley Burgess, Jennifer Magee and bottom row, Jonathan Boswell, David Gaines and Jamon Terry. Not pictured is Frank Ripp.



Students of the Month

Bay Middle School Students of the Month for November were, top row, Brandy Bakay, Ebony Nichols, Lindsey Green, Keri Cooper and bottom row, Clayton Sterling, Renell Williams, Josh McKinley, Dustin Masterson.

BSL Police Dept. registers bikes

The Bay St. Louis Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit will register bicycles during the weekend of Jan. 7 and 8. Registration will be at the Crime Prevention Unit office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on those dates.

"Many children receive bicycles as Christmas presents. This is an opportunity to have those presents registered in their name and receive advice on how to prevent the theft of those items," said Police Chief Frank McNeil.

According to McNeil, patrol officers in Bay St. Louis recover between 175 to 200 bikes a year. Most are returned to their owners, but some 50 to 75 bicycles end up on the city's auction block each year.

"Although we try to match reports of thefts with recovered items, sometimes there is no report, or we are unable to make a positive match because victims have no proof of ownership.

In addition to the tag, which we attach to the bike, we also maintain a record of the serial

number and description of the bicycle with the owner's name, as well as give the owner a copy. Using this information, we are often able to return the bikes to their rightful owners," McNeil said.

Registration of bicycles is free of charge and the police department's Explorer Unit will be on hand to assist Crime Prevention officers with the registrations.

For further information, contact Lt. Don Ocho, Sgt. Don Watson or Officer Joe Kepfer at the Crime Prevention Office.



Pearl River Community College faces endowment challenge

Pearl River Community College is challenging the community to help triple the college's endowment next April.

Through a federal Endowment Challenge Grant, the PRCC Development Foundation will receive two dollars for every dollar given by donations up to \$125,000 between now and April. The U.S. Department of Education is funding the grant. The money will be restricted to a general endowment for the college.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for PRCC," said Donna Wilson, executive director of PRCC's Development Foundation/Alumni Association. "We are one of 13 colleges in the nation this year and the only community college to receive this grant."

PRCC has applied for this grant every year since its formation in 1987.

The Foundation is still reaching out for support by personal contact, mailings and speaking engagements. Wilson said the Foundation is targeting civic groups with presentations, and goals have been set for everybody on campus.

"We have goals for everybody," she said. "The Student Alumni Foundation has a small goal set, and a goal has been set up for faculty members and for the alumni chapters."

The Foundation has raised about \$30,000 of its \$125,000 goal and will donate part of next year's River Extravaganza proceeds to the cause. Wilson said that this is an opportunity of a lifetime.

"This is an opportunity we can't turn down," she said. "We don't want to miss it. This could be really important for the future of Pearl River Community College."

PRCC seeking drivers for commuter buses

Pearl River Community College is accepting applications for commuter bus drivers for the spring 1995 semester.

Students who will attend PRCC this fall that may be interested in driving a college bus should contact Dr. Miller

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South Central Bell and Hancock High School have been partners for five years. The company's Community Relations Team is involved with many projects to promote academic excellence, attendance and other activities to help the school.

Through this multiple-year project, the number of students participating in the science fair has increased, and the quality of projects has improved with the additional resources and workshops funded through previous grants.

This year's grant will be used to purchase scientific literature software for research to be added to the school's media center and the cost to network the

computer. Superintendent of Education Myrna Bourgeois said, "We are very excited and fortunate to have a dedicated business contribute to education. It is important that we incorporate technology in the preparation of our students for the 21st century. This grant will afford our students many opportunities for advancement in the scientific century, thus encouraging them to become interested in science projects."

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"We are pleased this grant will be used to enhance academics at Hancock High School,"



said Ryan of South Central Bell. "The business community realizes that we all can be partners to help prepare today's students for tomorrow's work force, and we hope that this project

will benefit many students." The Hancock High School-South Central Bell relationship is one of 18 partnerships sponsored by South Central Bell in Mississippi.



PRCC nursing program changes acceptance requirements

Acceptance requirements for admission into Pearl River Community College's Associate Degree Nursing Program have changed to a point system.

An addition to the criteria is a pre-admission exam. The National League of Nursing developed the exam to help nursing schools guide and place applicants. Applicants must take this exam for admission.

The deadline to submit exam scores to PRCC's Associate Degree Nursing Department is May 1 to be considered for admission in fall 1995.

In addition, nursing applicants must turn in all official school transcripts, ACT scores, a college application and health forms by May 1.

Class selection will be made by mid-June. Applicants will

receive notification by the end of June or the first of July.

Any student needing an application for the pre-admission exam may contact (601) 795-1278 or by writing Station A Box 5390, Poplarville, MS 39470.



A dance with Victor

Missy Johnson, drug education coordinator for Bay/Waveland School District, appears with Victor the Cat as he dances with kindergarten J.D. Blackburn in a presentation on drug education at St. Clare School in Waveland.

Mississippi College registration schedule

Local area students planning on attending Mississippi College for the 1995 spring semester are reminded of undergraduate and graduate registration times as announced by the Office of the Registrar.

Registration will take place Monday night, Jan. 16 and all day Tuesday, Jan. 17 in the A.E. Wood Coliseum on the Mississippi College campus in Clinton. Monday night registration is for graduates and undergraduates who are attending evening school only.

All day students will register on Tuesday in time segments based on the classification number and alphabetically according to the first letter of their last name. Students should report to their faculty advisor before starting the registration process.

Day students registering on Tuesday, Jan. 17, should report according to the following schedule:

Seniors: Q-Z, 8:30-9 a.m.; H-P, 9-9:30 a.m.; A-G, 9:30-10 a.m.

Freshmen: M-Z, 10-10:30 a.m.; A-L, 10:30-11 a.m.;

Juniors: M-Z, 1:30-2 p.m.; A-L, 2-2:30 p.m.

Sophomores: M-Z, 2:30-3 p.m.; A-L, 3:30 p.m.

Students attending evening school only will register in the A. E. Wood Coliseum on Monday, Jan. 16 from 4-6:30 p.m. Registration forms may be picked up in the B.C. Rogers Student Center from 8:30-7 p.m. prior to reporting for actual registration in the Coliseum.

Evening school registration is also scheduled for Thursday,

Jan. 19 and Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the Hall of Fame Room of the B. C. Rogers Student Center. Registration forms may be picked up in the lobby on the west end of the Student Center. Classes begin Wednesday, Jan. 18.

For registration information, call the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at 925-3240; the Office of Graduate Studies at 925-3225; or the Office of the Registrar at 925-3219.

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FISHIN' Y'ALL

By Jim Maness

It's time to go fishin' y'all. Looks like wintertime has come a little earlier this year than in years past. The fronts that have been moving through have dropped the water temperature to the 60s. Cooler water temperature usually means that it's time for the fishin' buddies to change from their successful summertime tactics to the immensely difficult wintertime tactics of trolling the bayous and canals.

You ask, "What's so difficult about trolling?" The answer to that question is: "Hey man, it's tough having to sit in a boat, out in the fresh air, for hours at a time."

I mean you've gotta sit in the boat with your feet up on some type of foot rest, making great effort to control the direction of your boat, while it is traveling at the breakneck speed of at least one or two miles per hour.

As an afterthought, maybe two miles an hour is too fast a speed for wintertime trolling.

Now that everyone is ready to rush out to their boats and start dragging baits down the bayous, let's talk about wintertime

trolling for specks.

First of all specks, just like people, don't seem to like cold weather. Unlike people, specks can't put on extra clothes when the temperature goes down, so they do the next best thing, they head for deeper water. The deeper the water the more stable the water temperature will be on the bottom.

Somebody said water acts as its own insulator. What all this means to the fisherman who wants to go after the trout, is that you gotta find the places where the water is deep. The colder the water temperature, the less likely you are to find trout in the usual summertime locations along the shallow areas of the shoreline. Where will you find deep water? Why in the bayous and canals, of course.

Now that we know where the trout like to "hang out" during cooler weather, the next question is how do we catch the rascals?

The Turtle advises the best way to catch them is to use a fish hook. Since a plain fish hook does not seem to be very attrac-

tive to the average trout, you might wanna consider having the fish hook attached to something like Queen Beetles with the green fleck design. Queen Beetles, 52M18 Mirror Lures, Thin-Fin in the Sun Perch pattern, or Rattletraps. All of those lures produced fish over the past week.

My personal favorite this past week was the Queen Beetle in tandem. I found that by using two of the 3/8-ounce jig bodies together I was able to get closer to the bottom of the bayou while trolling.

To emphasize the effectiveness of using the two together, I have to relate that I had one pole with a single beetle on it and a second pole with the tandem combination. I did not catch one trout on the single, while the trailing beetle of the combination consistently produced fish.

I used different color bodies on the beetles. I started out with a clear body on one and a green body on the other. The trout were not very interested in these colors.

I then tried a white body and a red body. The trout preferred the white body, so I switched to white on both of the beetle heads. The trout thought that was a great idea as I caught about 12 in the next hour.

To make the beetle combination I generally use about four feet of 20 pound mono. After I tie a beetle to both ends of the mono I arrange them so that one will trail about one foot behind the other.

For those folks who want to use baits other than those that contain lead jig heads, you might want to consider putting a weight about three or four feet in front of your artificial. There are several different sinker weight styles that are available. The ones that seem to work the best are the ones that have

what looks like a pull chain on the front and back of the weight. This allows the line to keep itself from twisting up in a knot because the bead chain allows the line freedom of movement.

The speed of your forward movement will have an impact on how deep your bait will be fished behind your boat. The faster you go, the shallower your bait will run.

Most of the trout caught this past week were caught in Bayou Caddy and the Jourdan River. In Bayou Caddy, they were caught in the area between Bryan's Bayou and the three canals by Lambert Lane.

In the Jourdan River area, they were caught around the mouth of Breaths Bayou and around the mouth of the bayou coming from the Diamondhead Marina.

A few reports came in that the really big flounder are starting to show up in the Herron Bay area. To catch the flounders, looks like you gotta work the shoreline of the Bay with a beetle head sweetened with a piece of dead shrimp. Using a small strip of flounder belly to sweeten your hook has also been very successful.

Ringo, of Bordages boat launch fame, says it's time to start sharpening up your gnat filet knives again. He claims the season on gnats is about to start big-time plenty. This year's crop looks to be abundant and hungry. So, get ready to stock up your freezers with gnat filet. Get them before they get you.

DMR announced they will hold another public hearing concerning the 'Ban The Gill Net' issue Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. in the Coast Coliseum.

This week's wonderful wise words: You will need a boat to go trolling.

How many gnat filets do you need to make gnat almondine, Turtle?

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Pirates outrun Greyhounds 65-60 in OT

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The Pass Christian Pirates defeated the Ocean Springs Greyhounds in overtime on Monday at the Vancleave Clash.

The Pirates jumped out front of the racing dogs 14-10 in the first period. Pass Christian held on to a slim 27-25 lead at halftime.

The Pirates were outscored

16-10 in the third period but stormed back in the fourth and tied the game at 55-55 at the end of regulation.

In the overtime period, the Pirates doubled the Greyhound output 10-5 to take the win 65-60.

Rickey Lewis had a game high 17 points for the Pirates. He was followed by Eddie Riley with 11 points.

TIME OUT

LOCAL WINNERS

GOLF

The results for the Pass Christian Ladies Golf Association December 14 Trophy Day format.

Low net over the field winner - Ellie D'Antoni, 2. Shirley Hyde, 3. Julie Hudson, 4. Terry Scott, 5. Lori Jacobsen, 6. Dee Hurst.

Low putt (tie) - Peggy Jones, Perk Landry, and Gloria Forstall.

Nine Holes:

First low net - Velma Guest.

Second low net - Claire Menard.

Low Putt - Millie Shea.

The results for the Diamondhead Ladies Golf Association December 15 Christmas Luncheon and Texas Scramble played on the Cardinal course.

First place - Mary Hays, Carol Lilley, and Angie Golden.

Second place - Susan Motycka, Carol Begley, and Dot Vines.

Third place - Sharon Capdau, Marion Boudreaux, Liz Barnes, and Donna Ritchie.

Fourth place - Pauline Haas, Mary King, Barbara Green, and Elizabeth Hope.

Fifth place - Dot Hoskins, Barb Sidders, Thema Hopkins, and Elaine Smith.

Bay High/St. Stanislaus alumni soccer game planned

The second annual St. Stanislaus vs. Bay High alumni soccer game will be Thursday, Dec. 29 at 6 p.m. at Bay High stadium. Alumni are still needed to play on both teams.

Anyone interested in playing on the Bay High team, please

call Curtis Colson, 467-6340, or Scott Barnes, 467-2670; and Art Rieben, 467-6267 or Trey Kidd, 467-4566 for St. Stanislaus.

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Tigers swept by Warriors

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

The Bay High Tigers were swept by the homestanding D'Iberville Warriors in high school basketball action on Saturday.

In girls action, the Warriors jumped out to a 30-15 lead at halftime. The Lady Tigers had a comeback in the fourth period but it just wasn't enough. The Lady Warriors downed the Lady Tigers by the score of 50-35.

Chanda Haley had a team high 10 points while Valerie Christmas canned 9 points.

In boys action, the Tigers were defeated by the Warriors 62-34.

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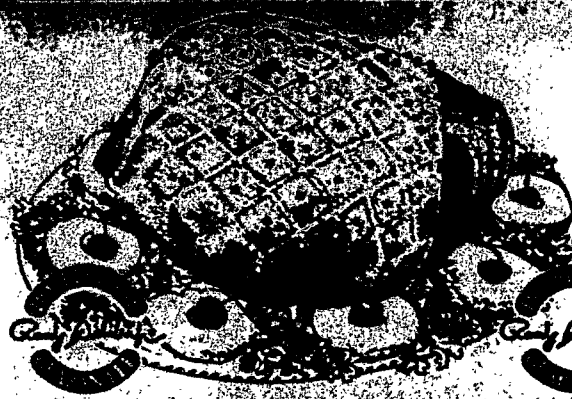
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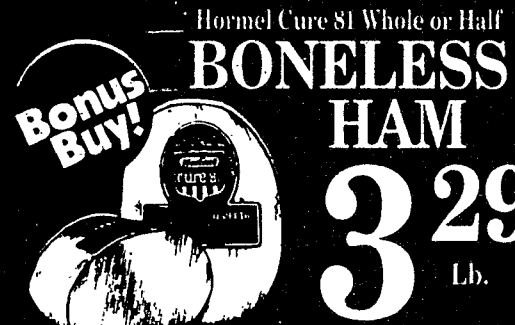
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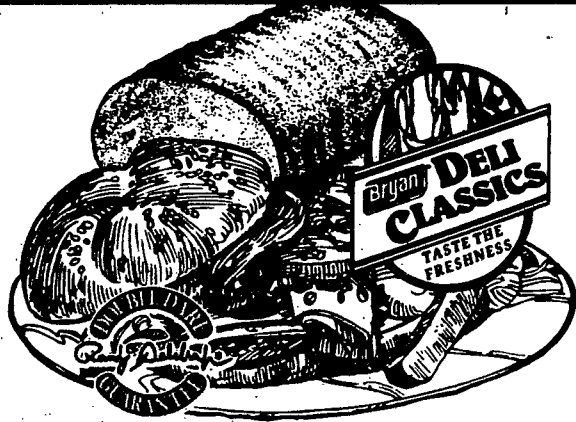
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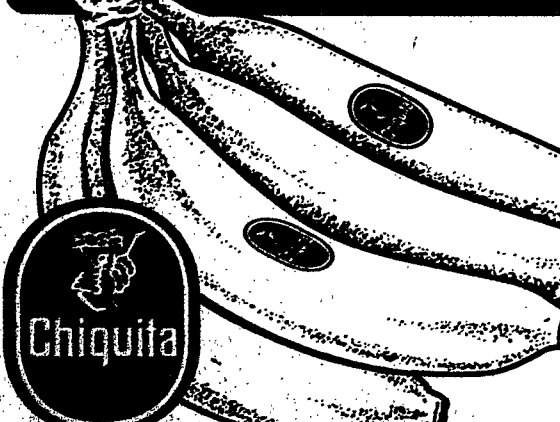
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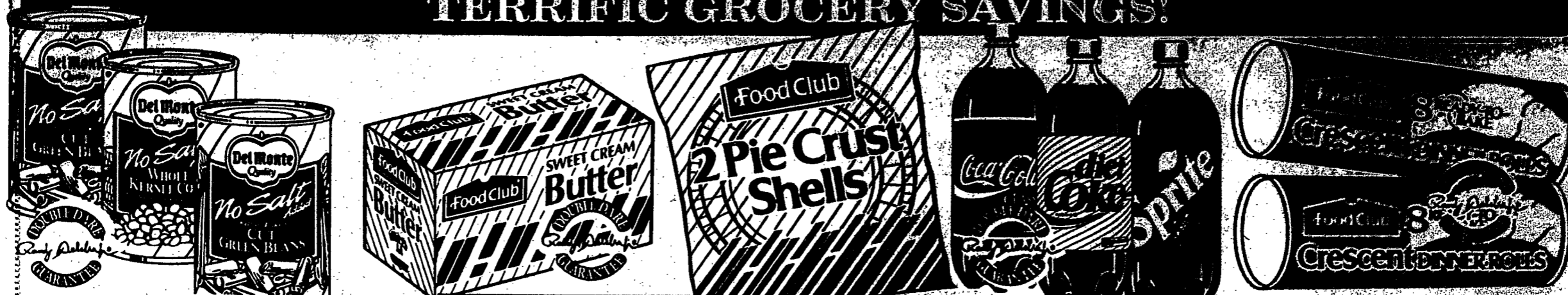
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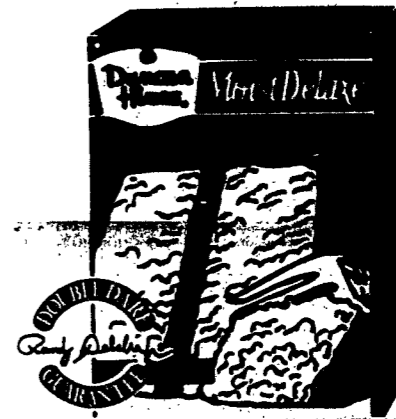
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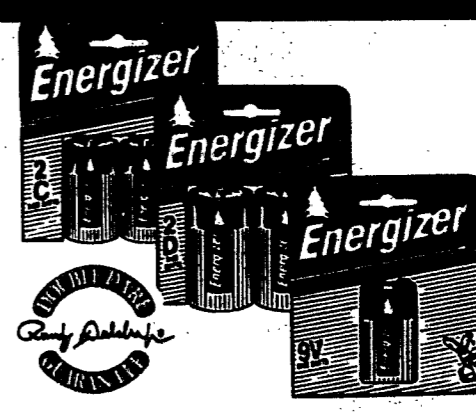


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NFL Forecast for Saturday, Sunday and Monday Dec. 24-26

****Atlanta, 20—Arizona, 16**
(Saturday) In their last game as the team from Phoenix, the Cardinals closed the 1993 season by beating the Falcons 27-10. Arizona has all the defense and Atlanta all the offense — and the slight home edge.

Buffalo, 26—Indianapolis, 19
The Bills keyed on Marshall Faulk in their first matchup with the Colts, so Jim Harbaugh led Indianapolis to a 27-17 upset through the air. With so much on the line, the Bills won't lose again.

****Chicago, 21—New England, 18**
This could be a great game, with one of the NFL's best passing attacks — the Patriots' — going against one of the stingiest pass defenses — the Bears'. Again, the difference will be the home crowd.

****Cleveland, 31—Seattle, 20**
The Seahawks surprised the Browns last year, 22-5, and they may gain lots of rushing yards against Cleveland's defense, but they won't upset a team whose confidence is peaking for the playoffs.

Dallas, 30—N.Y. Giants, 22
Seven weeks ago the Giants could do nothing against the Cowboys, losing their sixth straight game, 38-10. N.Y. seems like a different team now, but that only means the rematch will be closer.

****Denver, 28—New Orleans, 21**
If you throw the ball against the Broncos, you'll move the ball, and that's what the Saints do best. When these teams last met, in '88, N.O. swamped the Broncos 42-0, but it won't happen here.

Green Bay, 27—Tampa Bay, 17
Behind Brett Favre's 30-for-39 passing for 306 yards, the Packers pounded the Buccaneers 30-3 in September. T.B. has shown more progress since then, so this time the Bucs will make a game of it.

****L.A. Raiders, 29—Kansas City, 26**
This isn't the battle to bet on, but it is the one to watch; the Chiefs have the offense and the Raiders the defense. In their first — sloppy — game, penalties cost L.A. dearly in a 13-3 K.C. win.

****L.A. Rams, 17—Washington, 13**
The Rams and Redskins are far down the league's team rankings, so a stellar individual performance — say, by L.A. running back Jerome Bettis — could be key. Last year the Rams beat Washington 10-6.

N.Y. Jets, 23—Houston, 16
Unless Boomer throws some mistakes against the strong Oilers secondary, the Jets should find a way to win. In '93 a different Houston team ran its winning streak to 11 with a 24-0 win over N.Y.

Philadelphia, 24—Cincinnati, 15
When the Eagles and Bengals last met, three years ago, Philadelphia beat Cincinnati for the first time ever, 17-10. This shouldn't have become a crucial game for the fading Eagles, but it has.

Pittsburgh, 28—San Diego, 24
The Steelers have taken five straight from the Chargers since '89, including last year's defense-led 16-3 win. Pittsburgh's secondary can handle anything S.D.'s Stan Humphries can throw its way.

****Miami, 32—Detroit, 19**
(Sunday) Another game with lots of playoff implications. The Dolphins' air attack will be too much for the Lions, who need more than Barry Sanders to keep it close. Detroit won their last matchup, in '91.

San Francisco, 30—Minnesota, 27
(Monday) Both the 49ers and Vikings have potent offenses, but S.F.'s is more well-rounded. The same is true on defense, where Minnesota is weak against the pass. In '93 the 49ers beat the Vikings 38-19.

The Bob Harmon Football Forecast

The Top Twenty Major-College Teams

1. PENN STATE
2. NEBRASKA
3. MIAMI
4. FLORIDA
5. FLORIDA STATE

6. ALABAMA
7. COLORADO
8. AUBURN
9. TEXAS A&M
10. KANSAS STATE

11. OREGON
12. OHIO STATE
13. COLORADO STATE
14. VIRGINIA TECH
15. UTAH

16. VIRGINIA
17. ARIZONA
18. NORTH CAROLINA
19. MISSISSIPPI STATE
20. MICHIGAN

Sunday, Dec. 25
ALOHA BOWL

Kansas State 21

Boston College 20

Tuesday, Dec. 27
FREEDOM BOWL

Utah 28

Arizona 26

Wednesday, Dec. 28
INDEPENDENCE BOWL

Virginia 32

T.C.U. 19

Thursday, Dec. 29
COPPER BOWL

Oklahoma 27

Brigham Young 21

Friday, Dec. 30
HERITAGE BOWL

South Carolina State 30

Grambling 28

SUN BOWL

North Carolina 20

Texas 17

GATOR BOWL

Virginia Tech 26

Tennessee 23

HOLIDAY BOWL

Colorado State 29

Michigan 24

Saturday, Dec. 31
LIBERTY BOWL

Illinois 34

East Carolina 23

ALAMO BOWL

Washington State 27

Baylor 19

Sunday, Jan. 1
PEACH BOWL

Mississippi State 25

North Carolina State 16

ORANGE BOWL

Nebraska 23

Miami 21

Monday, Jan. 2
HALL OF FAME BOWL

Wisconsin 31

Duke 21

CITRUS BOWL

Alabama 28

Ohio State 26

COTTON BOWL

Southern California 29

Texas Tech 24

CARQUEST BOWL

South Carolina 22

West Virginia 20

FIESTA BOWL

Colorado 32

Notre Dame 26

ROSE BOWL

Penn State 34

Oregon 24

SUGAR BOWL

Florida 30

Florida State 27

HIGHLIGHTS

We're in the business of picking games right, but this Bowl season we're almost willing to get a couple of key games wrong if it might help fix the silly method by which the national champion is determined.

If Nebraska beats Miami in the Orange Bowl and Penn State, our No. 1 team, beats Oregon in the Rose Bowl, the arguing over who deserves to be No. 1 will begin.

It's an argument no one wins, and so it doesn't get us anywhere. Sadly, we may have reached the point where the interests of college football and its fans would be better served by the much louder and angrier debate that would ensue if both favorites lost.

That's highly unlikely, but wouldn't it be the best argument yet for some system of college playoffs?

Of course, if one of the two remaining undefeated teams wins and the other loses, the choice for No. 1 is clear. But that lucky break wouldn't do the game much good either, because those who oppose playoffs would be off the hood for another year.

And it could happen. The Nitany Lions should have a relatively easy time with the Ducks, but Nebraska will have its hands full in the Orange Bowl, where the Hurricanes have won 62 of their last 63 games.

So if you don't have a favorite, root for or against both Penn State and Nebraska and chant along with us: We ... want ... playoffs.

Our forecasting average held steady throughout the fall. We picked a total of 2,377 games, and got 1,756 of them right (with 35 ties), a percentage of 750.

We close the season with our annual ranking of the top 20 college conferences, based on the average of our power quotients for the teams in each conference across the country. Why is Penn State of No. 1 team? Because it played in the nation's toughest conference. Here's the breakdown:

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| 1. Big Ten | 95.7 |
| 2. Southeastern | 95.6 |
| 3. Pacific-10 | 93.8 |
| 4. Big Eight | 91.5 |
| 5. Big East | 89.7 |
| 6. Atlantic Coast | 89.4 |
| 7. Southwest | 86.9 |
| 8. Western Athletic | 85.0 |
| 9. Big Sky | 73.8 |
| 10. Big West | 68.2 |
| 11. Mid-American | 67.9 |
| 12. Southland | 67.7 |
| 13. Southern | 65.0 |
| 14. Gateway Athletic | 62.5 |
| 15. Yankee | 62.3 |
| 16. North Central | 58.5 |
| 17. Gulf South | 56.8 |
| 18. Lone Star | 55.8 |
| 19. American West | 55.1 |
| 20. Ivy | 54.2 |



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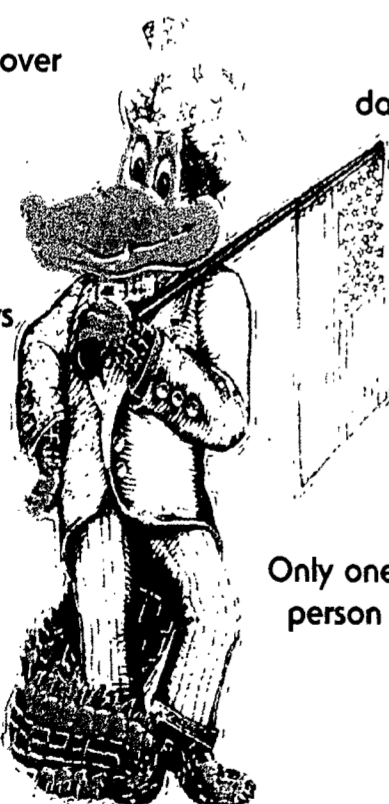
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